UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Balasulojini KARUNANANDAA et al.

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Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the Final Office Action be extended one additional month, from September 21, to October 21, 2003, by the filing of this Petition and fee payment. Applicants note that a one-month extension of time has already been obtained in conjunction with the Amendment and Reply filed on September 17, 2003 for this application.

The appropriate fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be 310.00 for a second one-month extension of time for a large entity. Authorization to charge the \$310 extension of time fee is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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